DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an interim study committee to assess the investigatory powers of the Secretary of State regarding violations of Indiana election law. DELPH _______, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an interim study committee to assess the investigatory powers of the Secretary of State regarding violations of Indiana election law.

Whereas, free elections serve as evidence of a thriving democracy which promotes stability and harmony in our society;

Whereas, the Secretary of State serves as a vanguard of Indiana's electoral process and is responsible for the certification of election results; and

Whereas, an interim study committee is needed to review and determine what powers should be delegated to the Secretary of State to investigate violations of Indiana election law. These powers might include the authority to issue subpoenas and civil investigative demands, and to seek the appointment of a special prosecutor if the Secretary of State considers the appointment necessary in the investigation of a complaint; Therefore,

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Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish a
- 2 study committee to assess the investigatory powers of the Secretary of
- 3 State as they relate to violations of Indiana election law.
- SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate
- 5 under the direction of the legislative council and shall issue a final
- 6 report when directed to do so by the council.



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